

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
9:00 AM PST

**Day 1 (Wednesday):** Gusty north to northwest winds will develop across the central and southern Sierra and southern California mountains and foothills through the late afternoon and night, with gusts of 35 to locally 50+ mph. Some light rain and snow showers are possible over the Sierra as well, but with no significant impacts.

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# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/09/22 - 03/15/22

| <u>Hazards / Day</u>  | WED                | THU                 | FRI      | SAT | SUN | MON | TUE |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Non-Thunderstorm<br/>Damaging Winds</b>                          | Inland<br>Southern | Inland/<br>Southern | Southern |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Snow</b>   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Coastal Flooding</b>   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>River Flooding</b>   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Thunderstorms</b><br>(Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)                   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Fire Weather</b><br>(Low Humidity / Wind /<br>Dry Thunderstorms) |                    | Southern            |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Heat Risk</b>  |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/<br/>Debris Flow</b>                   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Cold</b>   |                    |                     |          |     |     |     |     |



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**03/09/22 - 03/15/22**

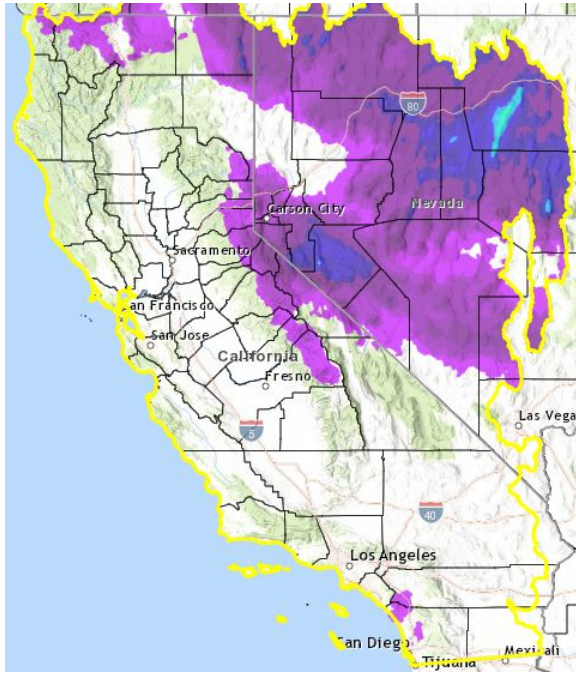
## **Wednesday - Tuesday**

- Periods of gusty northeast to northwest winds are expected to begin developing late Wednesday afternoon across the southern California mountains and foothills, Sierra, western Sacramento Valley, and the northern Coastal Ranges and continue through Thursday night. The most widespread and strongest winds will occur later Thursday and Thursday night, with gusts of 40 to locally 70 mph, strongest for the higher elevations.
  - Brief periods of elevated fire weather conditions are possible over the inland southern California mountains and foothills due to ongoing dry weather and the strong winds, particularly on Thursday
  - Areas of blowing dust are also possible at times across the deserts
- Scattered light showers are expected across the Sierra Wednesday and Thursday, with a few showers also possible across southern California on Thursday. Any precipitation amounts will be very light, holding under one-tenth of an inch.
- After colder temperatures on Thursday, a warming trend is expected through the weekend and early next week, with some additional light precipitation possible across far northern California the latter half of the weekend
- Additional storms could bring more widespread precipitation to northern California toward the middle of next week, though the details remain very uncertain at this time

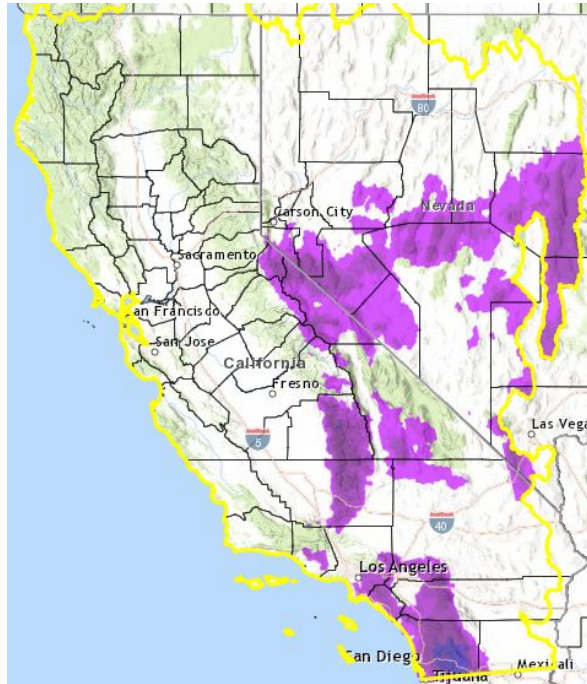


# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

03/09/22 - 03/11/22



**Wednesday**



**Thursday**



**Friday**

**Note:** Forecast precipitation amounts are an average for any particular location. Thunderstorms may produce locally higher rainfall amounts.

**Precipitation (inches)**



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**03/14/22 - 03/22/22**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (March 14 - March 18)**

### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures are favored for the majority of the state

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation is favored for the northern third of the state, with near normal precipitation favored for central California, and below normal amounts favored across the south

## **8-14 Day Outlook (March 16 – March 21)**

### **Temperatures**

- Near normal temperatures are favored for the northern half of California, with above normal readings favored across southern California

### **Precipitation**

- Below normal precipitation is favored in central and southern California, with near normal precipitation favored for northern portions of the state



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